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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President of Russia (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Putin

Notetakers: Chris MacPherson, Laura Hart, and
Marko Broz

Interpreter: Thomas Graham

DATE, TIME February 6, 2004, 7:47 - 7:50 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Vladimir. (U)

President Putin: Good day, George. (U)

The President: I am calling... I know you are busy and I know you are once again consoling your nation. I am calling to say, my friend, stay strong, and please extend our sympathies. We will continue to fight terror together. Please send the condolences of the American people to your people. On a personal note, I know this is a difficult time, but I know that you have the courage and strength to handle this situation. (S)

President Putin: Thank you very much, George. Of course this is a very great tragedy. We will bury those who died today, but we will do all in our power to bury those who accomplished this. And I do thank you for your call. It is very important to me personally, but also very important to the Russian people. We will let the mass media know about this. (S)

The President: Thank you, sir. I know you need to get back to work. I wanted to let you hear the concern in my voice. We will talk in the near future on matters of mutual concern. Thank you for taking my call. (S)

President Putin: Thank you very much, George. Next Monday, my Chief of Administration, Dmitri Medvedev, will come to Washington and meet with Condi Rice, and I think they will have a lot of things to discuss together. (S)

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The President: Yes, sir. Thank you. (U)

President Putin: All the best to your family. (U)

The President: Yes, sir. God bless you. (U)

President Putin: Thank you for your call and all of your support. (U)

The President: Yes, sir. (U)

President Putin: Good-bye. (U)

The President: Good-bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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